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## MENTION OF "PROCESSING" OF "CAPTAIN's" WIFE (1943)

From: NEW YORK

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[Part I]

[Two-part message complete]

To VIKTOR. [i]

For processing [OFORALENIE] "CAPTAIN's [KAPITAN]" [ii] wife we [2 groups unrecovered] her great friend Gertrude PRATT, wife of the well-known wealthy Elliot PRATT

[15 groups unrecovered]

patroness and guide. In this line contact is being maintained with her by Aleksiej [C; SOK]IRKIN [iii], the official representative of the MOSCOW Anti-Fascist Student Committee [C; who arrived] [6 groups unrecovered] "Syndicate". [iv] PRATT [D; displays] great interest in life in the USSR and Soviet

[38 groups unrecovered]

the latter circumstance for bringing "VARDO" [v] into close touch with her with a view to

[119 groups unrecovered or unrecoverable]

or scientific worker.

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[Part II]

[87 groups unrecovered]  
[64 groups unrecoverable]

"CAPTAIN[1 group unrecovered][a]".

[71 groups unrecovered]  
for further processing.

No. 432

MAKSIM [vi]

Note: [a] This unidentified group is not simply an inflexion added to KAPITAIN. It is possible that it is added to form an oblique case of the word KAPITANSHA - "Captain's wife" which might have been adopted to replace the form "wife of "CAPTAIN" which is used at the opening of the message.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.  
[ii] CAPTAIN : Franklin Delano ROOSEVELT.  
[iii] SOKIRKIN : Possibly the Aleksandr P. SOKIRKIN who by 1950 was 1st Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in WASHINGTON.  
[iv] SYNDICATE: People's Commissariat for Foreign Affairs.  
[v] VANDO : Elisaveta Yur'evna ZUBILINA.  
[vi] MAKSIM : Vasiliy Nikhajlovich ZUDILIN, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.